

Montana Hemp Advisory Committee
Wednesday July 10, 2019 1:00 - 4:00pm
Snowy Mountain Room, Yogo Inn
211 E Main Street, Lewistown MT

The meeting was called by Director Ben Thomas at 1:04pm

Introductions – Those in attendance were:

Hemp Committee Members:

Kim Phillips, Helena MT
Arlin Fratzke, Stevensville MT
Dean Nelson, Homestead MT
Jackee Beck, Deer Lodge MT
Bart Icopini, Forsyth MT

VIA Skype/Phone Conference:

Jamie Fitterer, Bozeman MT

Committee Members Absent:

Ken Elliott, Wolf Point MT
Jeremy Anderson, Fort Benton MT
Ross Johnson, Great Falls MT
Perry Miller, MSU Bozeman MT

Department Members:

Ben Thomas, Director MT AGR
Andy Gray, MT AGR
Andy Fjeseth, MT AGR
Jim Auer, MT AGR
Jerin Borrego, MT AGR
Dani Jones, MT AGR

Public Members:

Public Sign in list attached

Hemp Processing Proposed Rules:

Ben Thomas discussed the proposed processing rules.

- MAR Notice No. 4-19-258
 - Discussed with the members, no major changes
 - Clarity requested on processing section, under 4.19.101 Definitions, #9
- Public Comment on rules closes July 19, 2019
 - Questions, Comments, Concerns can be directed to Cort Jensen, via phone or email

Hemp Sampling Guidance Documents:

Andy Gray discussed the procedures for sample collection, sample prep and delivery

- DRAFT form to be able to train the sample crew
 - Review of Definitions
 - 2019 Sampling will be completed by the department Feed and Fertilizer crew
 - Estimating around 200-250 samples
 - Current samplers working with hemp sampling on top of their current job
 - Total number of growers- 277 (license holders)
 - About 40k reported acres

Hemp Sampling Guidance Documents: CONT

- License holder letters were sent out for estimated harvest dates
 - 21 days of harvest
 - Turn around time will depend on the lab
 - 48-hour notice suggested
- Sampling protocol discussion. 2019 will be a test run year, hope to have all the information compiled and complete for the 2020 growing year
 - Sampling goal to test every owner's field, unless the inspector is unable to
 - Split into Pre-Post Harvest samples
 - For the option to do the best we can, to be fair to the grower/producer/state

Pesticides:

Jerin Borrego

- Pesticides, bugs, and residue requirements- handouts to all
 - List of bugs and what to do with them.
 - Herbicide to be approved for hemp- Jerin is happy to reach out to companies for use in Montana
- Review of products that were previously requested
- Jerin has contacted Kentucky University for products and information
 - Depending on product testing, most products are on the horizon of being approved for use
 - Approved products must be labeled for use for Hemp

Check Off Fees:

Ben Thomas discussed having concrete option by the next meeting

- Initial recommendations- percent of the value, first point of sale
- Currently there is a law for commodity assessment in place now, at the first point of sale
 - Changes would need Legislative Action
- Arlin Fratzke suggested starting with 1%
 - 2019 revenue information would have to wait until fall/winter 2019
- Assessment fees for research and marketing
 - Shadow Pulse Crop Committee and Wheat & Barley

Questions/Public Comment:

No public comment

Adjourn:

Ben adjourned the meeting at 4:18pm



Ben Thomas, MT AGR Director



Dani Jones, Hail Insurance Technician



Date



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MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

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